

HB 2395

Delegate Rob Bell introduced HB 2395 during the 2011 General Assembly Session, which mandates a public school division allow participation of homeschool students in high school athletics and activities. The bill benefits homeschool students who do not have access to public school teams. It is anticipated this legislation will be introduced again during the 2012 General Assembly Session.

Current ACPS policy JECB (D):

D. ACTIVITIES: Part-time students must enroll in at least one academic class (high school) or one instructional unit (middle school) for each extracurricular or club activity in which they choose to participate and may apply to participate in other activities with the permission of the principal. Part-time students wishing to participate in an extracurricular or club activity shall satisfy the same or equivalent criteria (including Virginia High School League regulations) required for such activities that full-time students must satisfy and shall participate in any try-out or selection process required of full-time students.

Considerations:

1. HB 2395 would serve as an additional unfunded mandate due to the fact that school programs have budget implications.
2. VHSL requires an individual must be enrolled in a member school as a full-time student in order to represent that school in interscholastic competition.
3. Public school academic requirements could not be applied to homeschool students.
4. Public school students may be displaced from participation by homeschool students.
5. Mandate would allow students in private schools the same access to participation.

Action available:

Support HB 2395

Oppose HB 2395

Support current Board policy

No Position